

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

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*Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Belarus, China, Indonesia,
Latvia, Moldova, Poland, and Ukraine*

Inv. Nos. 731-TA-873-875, 878-880, and 882 (Third Review)

On September 4, 2018, the Commission determined to conduct expedited reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(3)(B).

The Commission received a joint response to its notice of institution from the Rebar Trade Action Coalition (“RTAC”) and its individual members, Nucor Corporation, Gerdau Ameristeel US Inc., Commercial Metals Company, Cascade Steel Rolling Mills, Inc., Steel Dynamics, Inc., and Byer Steel Group, Inc., domestic producers of steel concrete reinforcing bar (“rebar”). The Commission unanimously found the RTAC’s individual response to be adequate. Because the Commission received a response from interested parties accounting for a substantial share of U.S. production of rebar in 2017, the Commission unanimously determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission did not receive any response to the notice of institution from respondent interested parties in the reviews on the orders concerning rebar from Belarus, China, Latvia, Moldova, or Poland. The Commission unanimously determined that the respondent interested party group response in each of these reviews was inadequate.

In the review concerning rebar from Indonesia, the Commission received a response to the notice of institution from the Government of Indonesia. The Commission also received a response to the notice of institution from the Government of Ukraine in the review concerning rebar from Ukraine. The Commission unanimously determined that these responses were individually adequate. Because the Government of Indonesia and the Government of Ukraine did not represent a substantial share of production or exports of subject merchandise from Indonesia or Ukraine, and the responses did not indicate that the governments would be able to provide the type of information concerning the subject industries in Indonesia and Ukraine the Commission would seek to collect in full reviews, the Commission found that the respondent interested party group responses were inadequate for the reviews of the orders on rebar from Indonesia and Ukraine.

The Commission did not find any circumstances that would warrant conducting full reviews. Therefore, the Commission decided to conduct expedited reviews of these orders.¹

A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's website (www.usitc.gov).

¹ Chairman Johanson and Commissioner Broadbent found that full reviews were warranted in light of changes in conditions of competition that have occurred in the U.S. market, such as the imposition of Section 232 tariffs that cover subject imports of rebar from all seven countries, as well as apparent changes affecting the industries in certain countries. Accordingly, they voted to conduct full reviews of the orders.